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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT:PRESIDENT SIAD ON US TRIP AND SOVIET BASES
REF: (A) MOGADISCIO 1568 (B) STATE 225959
(C) STATE 227823

1. SOVIET BASE ISSUE DID NOT FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN SIAD-INGERSOLL MEETING (REF B) AND WAS TOUCHED UPON ONLY LIGHTLY BY SIAD IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.

2. AS INDICATED REF B SIAD INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF "FALSE REPORTS RE SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA" BY VOCIFEROUSLY DENYING EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH BASE AND STRONGLY CONDEMNING "TROUBLE MAKERS) IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS AND ELSEWHERE WHO WERE SPREADING SUCH REPORTS. HE EMPHATICALLY EXPOUNDED SAME VIEWS AT LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN. THRUST
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OF SIAD'S REMARKS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS THOSE REPORTED REF A.

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3. NEITHER PRESIDENT NOR ACTING SECRETARY FELT IT USEFUL TO ARGUE WITH SIAD ABOUT NATURE OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN BERBERA, WHICH SIAD FREELY ADMITTED,-NOR TO PRESENT EVIDENCE TO - SUPPORT OUR CONCLUSION THAT SOVIETS DO MAINTAIN BASE THERE. ACTING SECRETARY DID, HOWEVER, FOLLOW UP SIAD'S MONOLOGUE ON SOVIET BASE QUESTION WITH QUERY RE GSDR RECEPTIVITY TO VISIT BY US NAVAL VESSEL. SIAD RESPONDED SUCH VISIT WOULD BE WELCOMED.

4. MEMCONS COVERING TWO MEETINGS BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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